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GOOD PROSPECTS.

The adjournment of Congress without extending the immigration laws to this Territory, removes temporarily at least a serious menace to the great prosperity of the sugar industry.

In spite of the eleven thousand two hundred male Japanese laborers, imported from January 1st, 1898, to March 1st, 1899, there is still need of it, is said, about ten thousand more. Had Congress at the last moment extended the immigration laws to this Territory it would have, before many months, produced a serious crisis in our labor market. But the way is now clear for the general stocking up of the plantations with an abundance of Japanese laborers during the year so that there may be an easy labor market for several years to come.

The fact that Congress has adjourned without crippling our labor supply must give great strength to the investment and speculative movement in sugar stocks. The condition now prevailing should create even a "crazy market." The growing probability that Cuba will not become a competitor in sugar production for five or six years, and an abundance of labor from Japan, serve to take the brakes off conservative movements, and generate the wildest booms.

All that the conservative can now say is, that the "unexpected may happen," and bring revulsion; that some new political action may be taken in Washington; that the labor supply is not yet assured, and the price of it not definitely fixed.

These views do not count for much as against the "visible" fact of a definite labor supply and a prostrate Cuba.

So, for the year to come, the people of these Islands will probably eat, drink and be merry.

About a year ago, our government cruelly turned back to Japan over eleven hundred poor immigrants who had with much sacrifice managed to secure the means which brought them to these Islands. This act, cruel in fact, if not in motive, was justified on the ground that the Islands were in danger of being overwhelmed with a Japanese invasion. And there were several other motives for declaring hostility to the immigration.

But the Flag brought us light, and enlightened us, and dispelled our dark forebodings about "invasions," and convinced us that the invasion was, after all, a blessing. It is well that we now feel contempt for the miserable superstitions which led our government to cause much suffering among those eleven hundred brown men last year. We are all wiser now, and take broader views. The laws of the great nation of which we now form a part, positively forbid the system of assisted immigration existing here. These little Islands alone—a needle's point in the extent of the national domain—are not reached by that law. The Flag covers us, but the law does not. We may and do utterly disregard the spirit of that law, because the letter of it is not yet for us.

While this condition permits us to do what no other State or Territory can do, it gives rise to the question: Are we after all an integral part of the United States? Can the three thousand Americans here make money out of assisted immigration while the other 75,000,000 are not allowed the privilege?

Whether the argument has force or not, it will be urged in the next Congress, that we are not an integral part of the nation, because the national laws do not reach us, and we are therefore to be classed with the Philippines. At the same time the Japanese immigration is lawful.

REMOVING A MINISTER.

The Advertiser is asked by a subscriber to explain fully the relation of the Cabinet officers to President McKinley, with reference to that alleged "conspiracy" against Capt. King.

The act provides: "Until Congress shall provide for the government of said Islands, all the civil, judicial and military power exercised by the existing government of said Islands shall be vested in such person or persons as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have the power to remove the said officers, and fill the vacancies so occasioned."

Any "conspiracy" therefore against Capt. King fails unless it secures the action of President McKinley by the removal of Capt. King. To secure this action the "conspirators" must produce charges against the Minister, or in other words impeach him before the President.

As Minister Damon has, it is to be presumed, given out the secrets of the Cabinet meeting for which surely the Press cannot censure him, he may be able to define more clearly the true

inwardness of this "conspiracy," which involves virtually the impeachment of Minister King.

The Advertiser takes no side in the discussion of this "conspiracy." One can only suspect the reasons for spreading the rumor of a conspiracy, and the dramatic action of the Minister of Finance.

THE ROMANISTS AND THE PHILIPPINES.

Dr. Leonard Woolsey Bacon, a clergyman and scholar of high reputation, points out in an article written for the Springfield Republican, the serious responsibility of the American people in agreeing, through the treaty of Paris, to confirm or protect the property of the Roman Church in the Philippines. He quotes from Consul Wildman of Manila who declares that "the power and abuse in the name of the Church are the monsters that have stretched their talons over the oppressed Filipinos for centuries." He also asserts upon what appears to be good authority that the Roman Church owns the largest and best part of the soil of these Islands, and that the United States, in agreeing to protect Church property, confirms and perpetuates these ecclesiastical robberies and abuses. The effect, he believes, of the rule of order in these Islands, will be to make that Church more powerful than ever.

On the other hand, it is said by those who are well informed that the Church is not an owner of such valuable lands. While it is rich, its principal estates are in the city of Manila, and, it is said, that in the interior its possessions are not large.

Until the facts are obtained by careful and authoritative investigation, opinions on the matter have no value. The treaty of Paris may have pledged us to a course that will injure rather than aid the better civilization of those Islands.

The United States must protect vested rights. It did so in the taking of land from the Mexicans. On the cession of the territory of California to the United States by the Mexicans, the title to land, whether private or ecclesiastical, was confirmed by the United States.

But Dr. Bacon is an extreme anti-expansionist and anticipates only disaster from our domination in the Philippines. Taking this view of it, he naturally places a strict limitation on the power of our government to reform the abuses of the Church in those Islands.

He is certainly in error. The Supreme Court, in what is known as the Utah case, affirmed the constitutionality of a law which virtually confiscated the property of the Mormon Church, although the proceeds were applied to religious uses. Congress will not be distressed by any scruples of conscience in reforming abuses by the Roman Church, if there are any. It may reach them through taxation, or direct law, and other ways may be devised, to abolish them. The danger is that injustice may be done to the Roman Church. Congress may go to extremes in acting upon incorrect information.

But the Roman Church is now so powerful on the Mainland, it will check any arbitrary action by the Executive. The journals of this Church, published in our country, recognize the great need of reform in Church administration in the Philippines. The Executive will probably secure strong support from the Church leaders both in Rome and in the States in enforcing reforms.

There are a large number of priests in the Philippines who would like to see reformation of abuses, and look to honest American protection, rather than to corrupt Spanish protection.

THE PASSING HOUR.

Nothing has been seen of the new Republican party so far this week.

With Congress adjourned the country still has Gens. Alger and Miles.

The cheery Rev. C. H. Yatman, the happiest of all happy evangelists, will be better loved than ever when he leaves Honolulu this time.

At San Francisco the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has charge of the City Pound. It might be well to have here the same system.

The number of people in this community who care to discuss finances is amazingly small. When the national issues wander down this way there will be fun.

Those priests from the Philippines told a very interesting story, no matter if they are subject to the common heritage of seeing things from their own point of view.

It has remained for a railway company to put forth the handsomest hand book on Hawaii yet produced. The old reliable Union Pacific, the great Overland Route, did this.

Drink PURE WATER.

If the advice given in those three words is heeded, good health will follow. City water is not good for many reasons, principally, because it is contaminated with vegetable and putrid matter of all descriptions. A simple analysis shows this to be a fact.

EXERCISE

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TIMELY TOPICS

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BLUE FLAME OIL STOVE.

A sort of dread may prevail among housewives that perhaps these stoves might explode, but we can honestly say that they are perfectly safe in every home. To endorse our statement just have a talk with any insurance agent; he will tell you at once that he would rather insure a home where these stoves are used than issue a policy on a home where different stoves are used.

You wonder why the Blue Flame stove should be better than any other. We'll tell you. In this country the matter of fuel is a very large item of expense. As you have turned over a new leaf since the New Year and intend economizing where you never thought of before, you may begin on your coal and wood. It is a positive fact that the "BLUE FLAME" uses only about one-half the quantity of fuel any other stove does. Another great advantage is that there is no smoke or smell.

These stoves are placed on rollers and are so light they can be easily moved about. We have them in two sizes, one with two burners with oven attached and the other with three burners with oven. (The price of these stoves is \$16, \$22.50 and \$25.00). We can't tell you all about them; the best thing to do is to come and look at them.

We are selling the Celebrated FISHER STEEL RANGE for wood and coal at \$45.00.

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